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A. List of Restoration Activities

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The use of barriers such as field fencing, pipe and cable, boulders and railroad tie barriers will be utilized along with natural vegetation and topography to insure the protection of natural and cultural resources and prevent unauthorized OHV use. Sign installation will include regulatory signs such as NO Motor Vehicles (NMV), restoration in progress and no off road travel.

B. How the Proposed Project Relates to OHV Recreation

The Project site is located within Back Country motorized as identified in the Angeles National Forest Land Plan the Decision Notice was completed in April 2006. The plan prohibits the use of vehicles off designated routes or areas. The project will improve the visual aspects of the area.

C. Size of Project Site

The project area is approximately 10 acres in size

D. Monitoring and Methodology

Success of the restoration work will be based upon non OHV use of the illegal disturbed area. Survivable rate of vegetation planting, therefore, a reduction of soil will occur. The project will create conditions for rainfall to percolate into the soil and naturally recharge aquifers. The restoration benefits are to promote the return of native vegetation that will result in reduced soil erosion, degradation of water quality and increasing wildlife habitat. The effectiveness of barrier systems, signs and the return of native vegetation will be monitored by forest employees through photos of before and after of the project sites.

E. List of Reports

The documents for the NEPA planning will include wildlife, botanical and archaeological surveys along with the required documents to complete a Categorical Exemption for the restoration site.

F. Goals, Objectives and Methodology / Peer Reviews

G. Plan for Protection of Restored Area

The effectiveness of barrier systems, signs and the return of native vegetation will be monitored by forest employees through photos of before and after of the project Implementation. Law enforcement will patrol the area for any illegal OHV use after completion of restoration work.

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1. Project-Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Site Map](#)

2. Project-Specific Photos

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[Photos](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Angeles National Forest
Application: Restoration- Portal Ridge

6/2/2009

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Angeles National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Restoration- Portal Ridge	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>This funding request is for restoration activities for resource damage caused by unauthorized Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The Portal Ridge project requires additional funding for preparation of the environment documentation under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to implantation of the proposed ground distributing activities.</p> <p>This project consists of constructing barriers to restrict unauthorized access, scarifying the compacted soil, installing signs and monitoring of the restoration site. NEPA planning will include wildlife, botanical and archaeological surveys along with the required documents to complete a Categorical Exemption for the restoration site. There will be local surface disturbance as heavy equipment will be used for ripping and scarification of the compacted soils.</p> <p>The use of barriers such as field fencing, pipe and cable, boulders and railroad tie barriers will be utilized along with natural vegetation and topography to insure the protection of natural and cultural resources and prevent unauthorized OHV use. Sign installation will include regulatory signs such as NO Motor Vehicles (NMV), restoration in progress and no off road travel.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Botanist	5.000	370.000	DAY	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
	Other-Biologist	5.000	370.000	DAY	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
	Archeologist	5.000	370.000	DAY	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
	Other-OHV Coordinator	5.000	310.000	DAY	1,550.00	0.00	1,550.00
	Other-OHV Specialist/GS-7	10.000	240.000	DAY	1,920.00	480.00	2,400.00
	Other-OHV Specialist/GS-5	30.000	170.000	DAY	5,100.00	0.00	5,100.00
	Notes : 3- persons						
	Total for Staff				14,120.00	480.00	14,600.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Seed	150.000	20.000	LB	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Signs	40.000	25.000	EA	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Other-Field Fence	5.000	90.000	EA	450.00	0.00	450.00
	Other-Metal T-Post	165.000	5.000	EA	825.00	0.00	825.00
	Other-Peeler Poles	30.000	6.000	EA	0.00	180.00	180.00
	Other-Tractor Fuel	140.000	4.000	MISC	0.00	560.00	560.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				4,275.00	1,740.00	6,015.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-4x4 PU/Class 265	4000.000	0.460	MI	0.00	1,840.00	1,840.00
	Other-4x4 SUV/Class 256	1000.000	0.310	MI	0.00	310.00	310.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Billing & Documenta	1.000	1839.000	EA	0.00	1,839.00	1,839.00
	Total Program Expenses				18,395.00	6,209.00	24,604.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				18,395.00	6,209.00	24,604.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				18,395.00	6,209.00	24,604.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	14,120.00	480.00	14,600.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,275.00	1,740.00	6,015.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	1,839.00	1,839.00	
Total Program Expenses		18,395.00	6,209.00	24,604.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The environmental analysis will evaluate any impacts on wetlands, navigable waters, sensitive habitats and species.

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

The environmental analysis will evaluate any cumulative impacts from this project.

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

The majority of the project site is at a 12-15% grade or less. By using low impact equipment for scarifying the soils and following the LMP/BMP and state soil standards will mitigate effects of the project on steep slopes or highly erosive soils.

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The project is not within the view shed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The project consists of restoring unauthorized use, which would encourage the user to utilize the designated route that parallels the restoration site. The existing route system is sufficient as to not cause increase use in the vicinity or cause off site impacts.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[CEQA/NEPA](#)

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☒ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Failure to fund the Project will result in adverse impacts to: 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Domestic water supply (4 points)
☒ Archeological and historical resources identified in the California Register of Historical Resources or the Federal Register of Historic Places (3 points)
☐ Stream or other watercourse (3 points)
☒ Soils - Site actively eroding (2 points)
☐ Sensitive areas (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of sensitive habitats
☐ Threatened and Endangered (T&E) listed species (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of T&E species
☒ Other special-status species- Number of special-status species (1 point each, up to a maximum of 3) Enter number of special-status species [1]

Describe the type and severity of impacts that might occur relative to the checked item(s):

The project would seed the areas with native species. This would minimize soil compaction which would allow for natural revegetation. Scarifying the soils would minimize runoff leading to reduced soil erosion and reduce soil sedimentation creating increased water quality. The Restoration site would be closed as to not allow any vehicle traffic therefore protecting known archeological resources that are within the restoration site. The San Diego Horned Lizard is a Forest Service sensitive species that occurs throughout the Angeles National Forest. Trail technicians have been trained to identify the lizard and will move any lizards found in the area prior to and during project implementation. In addition, the project will result in an improvement of habitat conditions and restrict disturbance due to vehicular traffic to lizards in the area. As a result, the project will have a beneficial effect to the species and its habitat.

3. Reason for Project - Q 3.

3. Reason for the Project 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Protect special-status species or cultural site (4 points)
☒ Restore natural resource system damaged by OHV activity (4 points)
☐ OHV activity in a closed area (3 points)
☐ Alternative measures attempted, but failed (2 points)
☐ Management decision (1 point)
☐ Scientific and cultural studies (1 point)
☐ Planning efforts associated with Restoration (1 point)

Reference Document

The forest has had system of designated OHV routes since 1987. The areas to be restored have been identified by the route inventory of 2005 as unauthorized OHV use. This project would assure the OHV's stay on the designated routes that transverse the restoration site and allow the damaged areas to return to their natural vegetative state.

4. Measures to Ensure Success - Q 4.

4. Measures to ensure success –The Project makes use of the following elements to ensure successful implementation 12

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Site monitoring to prevent additional damage
- ☒ Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices
- ☒ Use of native plants and materials
- ☒ Incorporation of universally recognized 'Best Management Practices'
- ☒ Educational signage
- ☒ Identification of alternate OHV routes to ensure that OHV activities will not reoccur in restored area

Explain each item checked above:

A site specific plan will be developed to determine areas to be scarified and seeded, types and sizes of signs, and location of barriers. Law Enforcement and natural resource specialists will be consulted throughout the project implementation period. The project will utilize existing natural vegetation, topography, fencing and other barrier systems to prevent intrusion into the restored area. Signs indicating Closed to Motor Vehicles and Restoration Project in Process will be located along the perimeter of the restoration site to complement the fenced area. In addition the signs will be installed to indicate the designated route. The forest botanist will determine the proper native vegetation to be applied to the site. Patrols will be assigned to check the restoration site for any breeches into the site, damaged or removed barriers and insure all signing is in place as installed. Patrol units will include Fire Prevention, Recreation Technicians, OHV Specialists and Law Enforcement.

5. Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 5.

5. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan (e.g., wilderness designation, land management plans, route designation decisions) that supports the need for the Restoration Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

The Angeles National Forest Land Manage Plan- September 2005. The plan can be located at the forest district offices or the forest supervisors office.

6. Primary Funding Source - Q 6.

6. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
- ☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
- ☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
- ☒ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

7. Public Input - Q 7.

7. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 1

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Two meetings were held with the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) to discuss several projects that were being submitted by the forest including this restoration project.

8. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 8.

8. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☒ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

9. Scientific and Cultural Studies - Q 9.

9. Scientific and cultural studies will

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Determine appropriate Restoration techniques (2 points)
☐ Examine potential effects of OHV Recreation on natural or cultural resources (2 points)
☐ Examine methods to ensure success of Restoration efforts (1 point)
☐ Lead to direct management action (1 point)

Explain each item checked above

10. Underlying Problem - Q 10.

10. The underlying problem that resulted in the need for the Restoration Project has been effectively addressed and resolved 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (No points) ☐ Yes (3 points)

Explain 'Yes' answer

11. Size of sensitive habitats - Q 11.

11. Size of sensitive habitats (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) within the Project Area which will be restored 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 10 acres (5 points)
☒ 1 – 10 acres (3 points)
☐ Less than 1 acre (1 points)
☐ No sensitive habitat within Project Area (No points)